so as to utilise the capacity so released for printing of higher denomination notes Production of fresh notes of rupee one and rupees two has accordingly been reduced.

Frauds in Insurance Policies

3307. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of fraud in insurance policies have come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to check such frauds in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases pendingbefore Accident Claims Tribunals

3308. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of accident claims pending before the Accident Claims Tribunal in the four metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) what is the number of cases in which these tribunals have given their awards but payments have still not been made to the survivors of the victims; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to ensure timely payments to the survivors of victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) As per the information furnisehd by the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC), about 48,706 accident claim cases are pending before the Tribunals in Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras, and in 236 cases where the Tribunals have given their awards, payments are yet to be made by the insurance companies to the claimants. The payments will be effected on compliance with prescribed formalities by the claimants.

(c) A structured formula for payment of compensation to road accident victims based on age group and income criteria has been introduced in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 with effect from 14-11-1994. The claimant has the choice to file the case either with the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) available at his normal place of residence or the MACT which has the jurisdiction over the place of accident. The claim is payable on the basis of 'no fault'. The claimant has the option to file a case in the MACT if the compensation as provided, is not acceptable to him. These measures will help in the speedy disposal of insurance claims.

Loans advanced under debt scheme

3309 SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleosed to stale what is the total amount released during the financial year 1993-94 and 1994-95 under the debt scheme to the farmers, landless cultivators, artisons and weavers of various Sttaes and Union Territories?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): Government of India have released and amount of Rs. 500 crores and Rs. 341 crores during the years 1993-94 "and 1994-95 respectively through budgetary allocations to the implementing agencies for meeting their claims to provide debt relief under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme 1990 Tha amounts released by the Government during 1993-94, 1994-95, etc. are meant for reimbursing the banks which have already provided debt relief to the eligible beneficiaries before 31st March. 1991 30th Tune 1991 i.e. the cut-off date for